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1. The units which had been in the Exin Woods south of Zehdenick (N 53/U 70) were no longer observed there. Having moved to the woods under cover of night, they allegedly left the woods on 27 and 28 September 1950, primarily for Loewenberg and Gransee.

The layout of the field fortifications indicated that the troops had practiced the taking up of a defensive position. Infantry positions and emplacements of AT guns and artillery pieces had been only superficially constructed, in some cases only indicated by token earthwork, whereas the lanes through the woods to the tank positions along the edge of the woods had been carefully marked. Cross-planes which might have confused the tank drivers had been blocked by felled trees. Marked ways led from the emplacements and positions to the bivouac sites and parking lots. *

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- b. model RDM radio set, a short-wave receiver-transmitter which is used for radiotelegraphy and radiotelephony. There are two types, namely the standard set of model RDM and the more powerful version of model RDM-5. The set is used for two-way radio traffic within the radio net of a division or a regiment and for radio communication among cooperating infantry, artillery and tank troops. The set can, for example, be used to establish a radio connection with a command or observation post up to a range of 3 km. In radio telephone communication the call signal is also transmitted by voice. The wave band ranges from the fixed waves No 240 through No 70 and is subdivided into a range from wave No 240 through No 130 and another one from wave No 130 through No 70. Two standard sets of model RDM are used for establishing a two-way radio communication with ranges depending on the antennae used. A small rod antenna works a range of 3 km for telephony and a range of 15 km for telegraphy; a horizontal dipole antenna covers a range of 15 km for telephony and a range of 30 km for telegraphy; and a vertical seven-meter rod antenna with counterpoise works a range of 20 km for telephony

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and a range of 40 km for telegraphy. At night, atmospherics and in heavily intersected and wooded terrain, the range of the set is liable to be reduced by 50 percent or more. *

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3. [redacted] troops started leaving the Templin maneuver area on 1 October 1950. It was said that the evacuation would be completed by 30 October 1950. [redacted] There were no indications that troops would winter in the maneuver area. **

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* [redacted] Comment. "According to previous information elements of the 9th Gds Tank Div conducted field exercises in the area south of Zehdenick [redacted]"

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A report from Pasewalk stated that the entire regiment stationed there left for field exercises [redacted] For sketch of emplacements and positions observed in the area [redacted] See Annex 1.

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** [redacted] Comment. Compare a previous report [redacted] on the departure of troops from the Templin maneuver area in mid-October 1950. [redacted] It is believed that only some units left Templin during the first half of October, while the bulk of the troops started leaving only in mid-October 1950.

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1 Annex:

Sketch

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